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OVERSEAS PLANNING

1. Statement of Accomplishments Based on Previous Reports

a. The CIA Global War Plan for Clandestine Operations was subjected to its periodic review by the Medical Staff during this period.

b. Overseas as well as headquarters wartime staffing patterns for medical personnel were developed by this staff and forwarded to the Director of Personnel.

c. The Medical Staff reviewed and commented on some fifteen planning documents submitted to it for such action. These were for the most part war planning documents from overseas Agency planners, but also included one significant extra-Agency document: the Unconventional Warfare Annex of the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan.

d. This staff was fortunate in being able to have a representative present at every meeting of the Support Planners held during this six-month period as well as every session of the CIA War Planners Conference in January.

e. It is felt that one of the more significant accomplishments of this period is the progress made by the Support Planners under the new SPA/DD/S toward a clearer definition of the role of the support elements in their relationship to the DD/P.

2. Items or Projects in Process and Percentage Completed

a. A program for the provision of overseas medical support on a regional as distinguished from a basis has been initiated and is estimated to be approximately 30% complete. This should result in a more economical as well as a more effective utilization of professional personnel. As yet the senior regional medical officers have not been integrated into the war planning of the several Senior War Planners. When this is effected, it is felt that these medical officers will be of considerable help to the efforts of the SWPs as well as to headquarters medical war planning.

b. The Medical Planning Guide and Checklist is being revised and is approximately 90% complete. Although intended primarily for the use of current operational planners, this guide and checklist should be useful to war planners and its use by them will be encouraged.

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3. Problems Outstanding

a. A problem that it is hoped can be solved by this staff is the matter of formal war planning training and indoctrination of the Medical Staff War Planning Representatives. It is planned that these individuals will at the earliest date practicable attend the Agency sponsored course for war planners.

b. Problems for which solution will require action or guidance by a higher authority include:

(1) Lack of basic agreement between the Agency and the Department of Defense on such fundamental matters as:

(a) provision of additional personnel in time of war,

(b) retention of Agency personnel who are reservists,

(c) definition of those items of supply and equipment that are "common" (and should therefore be provided by the Department of Defense), and those that are "peculiar" (and should therefore be provided by CIA),

(2) Lack of firm war planning requirements from the Department of Defense. This is perhaps due to the lack of basic agreements mentioned above.

(3) Inadequacy of the present relationship of the support elements to the DD/P war planners. Although it is felt that significant progress has been made in this area, much remains to be done, for example, to assure that the support planners are adequately briefed and receive clear statements of the requirements of the DD/P elements for war-time preparation.

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